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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Statement of the Substance of the Interview; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

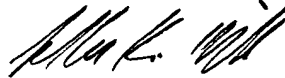
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Further to the Interview Summary Provided to Applicants' representatives on April 7, 2005, Applicants submit the following Statement of the Substance of the Interview.

Applicants thank Examiners Akhavan and Leffers for conducting a personal interview with Applicants' representatives on April 7, 2005. During the interview, the three rejections made in the Office Action dated September 22, 2005 were discussed. No conclusive agreement was reached with regard to the issues in the Office Action.

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